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If the pupils really want to fight, let them prove it by answering Uncle Sam's call for naval volunteers.

The Prince of Wales may never sit on England's throne, but will demonstrate his ability to sit on something requiring a good deal more understanding if he succeeds in his undertaking to ride a bicycle.

A Spanish paper says that the preparations for war made by the United States are "childish." Opinions may differ as to that, but it Spain does not have in her home pretty suddenly on the Cuban question, the result of those preparations are not likely to be recorded under the head of kindergarten news.

The Populists of Merced county will open their campaign on Saturday evening. Whether they are the disciples of Tom Watson or William Bryan is not stated, but it is evident that they do not intend to be too late to get on board the gospel train, whether it is going to run in the middle of the road or take to the forest under brush.

Justice by the way some people talk, they are just crazy to roll up their "pate" and wade in Spanish blood, but you may make a note of the fact that if war is declared these blood-thirsty people will not be found scurrying to the front with a gun. Most of the fighting will be done by men who are doing the least loud talking.

Now that the discovery has been made that eggs of the cat-fish make the finest catfish known to the trade, the companion pet of carp in California streams may prove to be the nucleus of an important industry. As for the carp, well, anything produced by carp cannot be "doctored" into food fit for human consumption.

A GUARANTEE NEEDED.

The Republican is very earnestly in favor of the Monterey, Fresno and Alameda road, or any other meritorious railroad proposition that is calculated to develop the latent resources of this section, but it must say that the right of way matter could be handled much more satisfactorily and easily if the promoters of that excellent project were prepared to guarantee that the road will be promptly built in the event that its demands are complied with. The Republican believes that it voices public sentiment here when it says that the property-owners and all who have the carrying out of any legitimate and strictly above-board railroad project that presents itself for consideration, but as for mystery and enigmas in that line, backed by unnamed capitalists, it must be admitted that public spirit is not at all times when they appear and that effort to meet their wishes labor under a heavy handicap.

This being the case the Republican would be greatly pleased to see the promoters of the latest railroad enterprise show their hand fully and freely and give a substantial guarantee that their part of the contract will be fulfilled to the letter in the event that the people of Fresno put their shoulders to the wheel and secure the desired right-of-way. The accomplishment of that undertaking is not a trivial task, and it can be made immeasurably easier if the promoters of the proposed road are prepared to give an ample guarantee of their ability as well as their purpose to build the road when the right-of-way is secured. And that much they should be able to do.

THE FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

Tomorrow and next day the farmers of Fresno county will again have the opportunity to assemble and discuss with much of science in agriculture the various questions that directly bear upon the success or failure of farming in California. The meeting promises to be one of the most important as well as the most interesting ever held in the county, and will undoubtedly be such if the farmers generally avail themselves of the opportunity to share in the benefits that may be realized through an interchange of experiences and the dissemination of scientific facts by those who devote their time and talents to a study of the problems involved.

The Republican will be gratified if it can report that this hall is packed to its full capacity at this meeting of the Farmers' Institute. The Farmers' Club has made ample preparations for a thoroughly successful and pleasant meeting, and should be rewarded for its efforts by a large attendance.

ALAMOSA Argue: The Examiner of this morning, in an article headed, "Our Timid Capitalists," makes this assertion among others: "What the moneyed interests of the United States seem to need just now is not so much an assurance of peace as enough brains to reason on the evident facts." What the moneyed interests of California undoubtedly need, and what all the interests that make for prosperity and good times most lack, is a decent and patriotic press—a press that is honest with the people; that doesn't blackmail; that has men of recognized standing at the head of it; that isn't malicious or malignant; that isn't willing to destroy a great industry for the mere sake of wrecking a ship upon an individual; that doesn't invariably pursue the policy of discrediting its people and its state for the mere sake of publishing a sensation; that isn't always and forever trying to show up the president, unworthy, forbidding and discreditable transactions of the community, "the ignoble doings of ignoble people," to the exclusion of those who are brave and worthy. What we need is a press that will encourage honest men to engage in honest enterprises and that will uphold its section instead of running it down.

The town of Selma has not been standing still during recent years in the matter of public improvement, as the following statement from the Enterprise gives gratifying evidence: "The town of Selma owes much to the several Boards of Trustees that have served its interests faithfully and conscientiously since its organization, always without pay and generally without the poor reward of thanks. We have a well-equipped fire department that should be well appreciated by every citizen. Our streets have been graded and treated to a covering of hard soil and are kept clean and watered. There are no small matters to the health and general welfare of the people. There may be difference of opinion in regard to the manner of raising revenue, but there should be a reasonable and courteous consideration of these differences and a re-examination on the part of all that every citizen has not only a privilege but a right to that opinion and to its expression. The town of Selma owes much to its organization and to the Trustees that have given their time cheerfully and faithfully to its welfare."

The twenty-second session of the California fruit growers which is to be held in Los Angeles on April 11th and 12th, and at Riverside on April 14th and 15th, promises to be an interesting one and productive of much good to the industry. It is desired that every branch of the fruit growing industry be well represented and it is to be hoped that there will be a strong delegation present from Fresno county. The most important subjects to come up for discussion before the convention will be the transportation and marketing of products, while other matters pertaining to fruit growing will be handled by experts in the different branches of the business. During the week the State Association of County Horticultural Commissioners will also hold sessions. The people of Los Angeles and Riverside, it is stated, are preparing to give the delegates to the convention a pleasant reception.

What some shrieking patriot pleases explain why, after making certain demands upon Spain, we should not wait a reasonable time for an answer before taking action on the issue under consideration? To say that there is any lack of firmness or patriotism in a position of that kind is unreasonable nonsense. Unless Spain in the meantime commits some act of hostility it is the only course that can be pursued that will merit and receive the approval of intelligent men and civilized nations. If Spain refuses to accede to the demand for a speedy settlement of the Cuban question, then the time for action has come and there should be no delay.

The Los Angeles Times holds up its little white hands in holy horror and strongly intimates that the terrorist drives of the San Joaquin valley are quite as brutal as the little fables of Mexico. But how about the inhuman wrongs in Southern California who drown children and poison rats? Perhaps the Times thinks, though, that the farmers should allow themselves to be "taken out of house and home" rather than resort to cruel or inhuman means of saving their crops? And then, perhaps, it is merely straining a little drab language through its hat.

The daily states that Stockton has but one fire engine, which requires nearly half an hour's time to get ready for action. That is an astounding condition of affairs in "the Chicago of California." The wonder is that the insurance companies do not cancel all their policies in the town until such time as fire fighting facilities are provided. The only reason it is not done, obviously, is because rates are so infernally high that the companies can afford to take desperate chances.

Does the Republican want to publish a photograph of the weekly sessions between LaRue and Mr. Mills? The Examiner.

Mr. LaRue stated to a representative of the Republican that the Examiner's charges regarding his relations with Mr. Mills and the railroad company were unfounded falsehoods, and we believe his statement to be true. And that is what everybody believes who knows anything about LaRue and the reputation of the Examiner.

This timely suggestion comes from the Fresno Register:

In the East they are forming "Don't Worry" societies in which the members are pledged to do the best they can, take what comes and thank God that matters are not worse than they are. About a dozen of these societies of this sort would be appropriate to California just now and topics therefore more to the whole state resolve itself into a war without further delay. Why kill the people who do the working, but is otherwise powerless?

BAKERSFIELD'S new government has declared war on the drive that have made the town notorious all over the coast. Its latest move has been to revoke the license of saloon men in connection with a variety "show," which indicates pretty clearly that there is to be no trifling with the disreputable element. And that is more than can be said of some places that make louder professions.

The general Cuban question is the right one to settle, and it is to be hoped that but little time will be required to bring the issue to a final termination. If diplomacy can free Cuba and avoid war, it will be a magnificent accomplishment, and the wisdom that brings it about can be trusted to secure satisfaction for the destruction of the Maine in due time.

CALIFORNIA isn't in it with the Atlantic coast so far as the war zone is concerned, but she is doing her best to keep up with the procession by spraying an earthquake that shook the more of some of the most prominent citizens of the metropolis and cracked the yellow paint on the palatial edifices of her metropolitan newspapers.

She is a brilliant musician and arpeggio rarer, cadenzas, phrases, chromatic flourishes and soft, melodic floated out from the parlors of that house the echoes from some haunted island—Vladimir Helia.

God! Maybe there is some mistake about it and the house is actually tenanted by shades from the heavenly choir.

There is nothing suggestive about painting battleships a "Confederate gray." But it is a good fighting color, as the valorous boys in blue will testify.

All chances of an Anglo-American alliance are knocked into a cocked hat. Laureate Austin did it with his little poem.

The cost of the Zola trial, exclusive of counsel fees, are said to have been only \$750. In any event the defendant paid a high price for the quality of justice he got.

A LOS ANGELES paper suggests that if the Reds have a king this year instead of a queen, it seems about time to give the old man a chance to make a holy show of himself.

They country is wanting a lot of money on gun powder when it has an inexhaustible supply of compressed air in congress that might be used to hurl projectiles at the enemy.

The report comes from Tulare that Detective Pat Conway has gone to Arizona to hunt for the Cross creek train robbers. Judging from reports from Mariposa county, Pat is in no danger of getting hurt.

A SAN FRANCISCO man, Jesse Roberts by name, has been arrested for teasing the tongue of one of his horses. A fitting punishment for a wretch like that would be to have him kicked to death by a vicious horse.

It is to be hoped that the officers have the train robbers "corralled" in Indian gulch, but it does seem incredible that the men who did the holdup act so skillfully and successfully would be so foolish as to attempt to pass the damaged coin at a time and place that would result in certain detection.

"I ALWAYS was a kind of pleasing man for ladies," said Albert Frederick George Verencsekhechekchoh, who is now on trial in San Francisco for the murder of Mrs. Mary Clate, but he failed to say whether his charms lie in his name or in the effective manner in which he handles a conning pin.

DON'T DILLY-DALLY.

It is to be hoped that there will be no dilly-dallying with the Cuban question by Congress. Either there exists a cause for war or there does not exist a cause for war. If the former be the case then the duty of Congress is clear and it should be performed at once. If we have no present grounds for hostile action against Spain, then let the introduction of bellicose resolutions cease immediately and the people's representatives at Washington proceed to business. We do not think the people of the country would be edified by another such spectacle as Congress presented several years ago when it had before it the question of giving official recognition and indorsement to the Monroedocline. Resolution after resolution having that object in view was introduced, and there was a perfect deluge of patriotic eloquence, but not one of the resolutions went through both houses. The same result might have been attained much sooner, but Congress preferred to give the resolutions a slow death, to the detriment of other business.

In the matters that are now exciting the country there appears to be no reason for long delay on the part of Congress. It will soon be in possession of all the facts regarding the Maine explosion and the Cuban situation, and a few days' consideration and debate should be sufficient to enable it to come to an intelligent decision. It has the war-making power, and if the circumstances require that it exercise that power let it do so without unnecessary delay; if, on the other hand, the facts make a peaceable settlement possible, let congress so decide, stop the resolution mill, get down to hard work and adjourn as soon as its work is completed.

The Examiner's political writer says that "LaRue stands well in many sections of the state (as a gubernatorial candidate), but the publication in the Interior press that he is the candidate of Land Agent Mills has, undoubtedly, weakened his chances of receiving the nomination." How good it must make the Examiner feel to be referred to by such an uncomplimentary term as the "Interior press." The evening contemporary is the only Democratic paper that has come under our notice that has published the libel that LaRue is a Southern Pacific candidate. It has not given the slightest proof of the truth of its charge and the simplest explanation of that is that it possesses no such proof.

The latest news from Washington makes it clear that when the administration has received a reply from Spain the whole Cuban matter will be placed in the hands of congress for such action as the legislative body may see fit to take. Doubtless this will not satisfy the jingoes, but it will satisfy everybody who desires to see this government kept within the bounds of right and reason. For one government to make certain demands upon another and then take action on the matters at issue before a reply has been received would be indefensible, but that is the attitude in which the "revoiting" members of congress placed themselves yesterday.

There should be a full attendance of the members of the Chamber of Commerce at the special meeting this afternoon, called to take into consideration the plans outlined by the promoters of the Monterey and Minaretta railroad, with reference to securing a right of way through this county. If this enterprise has finally secured solid financial backing it is a matter of the utmost importance to Fresno that the road be built at once, and every possible facility be extended that is calculated to hasten its construction. There should not be an absent member at today's Chamber of Commerce meeting.

So long as the administration adheres to its avowed purpose of bringing speedily and permanent relief to oppressed and war-ravaged Cuba there is no ground for the rabid criticism that is coming from certain quarters. To bring relief and freedom to Cuba without war if possible, but to bring it in any event, is a position that should commend the approval of all intelligent and patriotic people. That is the position taken by the administration, and there is every reason to believe it will be adhered to.

The New York Sun's baseball editor says that all the talking this year is to be done by the umpire. We hope the Sun is right. The fact that much of the talking has formerly been done by the players has not enhanced the popularity of the game.

Far people of Fresno read the San Francisco papers for sensations and the local papers for the actual news.

The Visalia Delta says the train robbers were "run to earth." And are evidently still on earth. But where?

No Dorcas Denmark will throw in the towels and hurricanes as pilot when she sells her West Indian island to the United States.

"Fighting Hon' Evans shouldn't talk so loud. He has no right to scorch the Spaniards to death. It is unfair and barbarous, like the Boston show."

BALDWINMEN will be interested in the information that it is now the correct thing to comb the hair upward and bring it to a climax on the top of the head.

It really looks as if the Examiner contemplated "stealing up" Mrs. Sarah Pratt Carr. We warn our evening contemporary to be cautious. It might have a worse experience than it did with "Dad" Letcher.

THE Examiner's treatment of the Cuban question for the past few days has been more than ordinarily inoffensive, even for a yellow paper. No representation has been too barefaced to serve its base purpose.

The Pasadena Star makes the assertion that the strawberry is a pleasant vernal delusion. Vernal and pleasant certainly, but it will not be easy to make the people who sell it at 25 and 50 cents a basket believe that it is a delusion.

The Visalia Times thinks that somebody has planted a sub-machine gun under Tom Reed. Well, our advice to the fellows who touch it off is that they use a long fuse. Thomas E. has stood a good many hard blows, as his enemies have occasion to remember.

BASEBALL in the national game, and like everything American it ought to go with a whoop this year. Fresno is to go to the field again with one of the best teams on the coast, and that it will be joyfully and liberally backed by lovers of the game is assured. The first game of the season will be played on the Fresno grounds Sunday afternoon, and a large attendance is anticipated.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

Fresno's public library and free reading room was yesterday removed to pleasant and roomy quarters in the new building constructed by Judge Riley near the corner of K and Mariposa streets. The room occupied by the library was designed especially for the purpose, and in the matter of light, ventilation and convenience of arrangement, will undoubtedly merit and receive the approval of the many patrons of that important institution. As a matter of course, there are a good many details yet to be arranged, but when these are completed the library and reading room in its new quarters will be an evidence of local public spirit and educational advancement of which the people of Fresno will have no reason to feel ashamed.

The improvements made ought to result in stimulating a demand for more liberal appropriations for future use, and should also awaken some of our wealthy citizens to a realization of their opportunity to benefit the community by liberal donations to the library fund. The public library in its new home should become a power in the educational upbuilding of the city.

FOR THE BUSINESS CENTER.

The merchants of Fresno have under consideration a proposition to turn weekly excursions to this city of nominal value from neighboring towns in the valley for the convenience and benefit of people having business to transact here, or who may desire to visit this metropolis for any purpose. The fact is that with the building of several lines of road during the past few years Fresno has become the business center of a very large area of country, and it is with a view to extending its wholesale and retail trade and centralizing the business of the valley, much of which now goes to more distant points, that the merchants of Fresno are proposing to contribute to a fund that will make it possible for people to transact their business here conveniently and at a little cost.

The undertaking is a practical one and would in all probability prove to be beneficial to all concerned.

It is improbable that this government will accept the "good offices" of France as mediator between the United States and Spain. France's interest in Spain is too great to make her an acceptable mediator. She holds large blocks of Spanish securities, besides which public sympathy there appears to be with the Spaniards. Austria, of course would be out of the question as a mediator or arbitrator. She inclines to Spain for dynastic reasons. The German government does not like us and Italy is too over-friendly. Russia is too distrustful, while England, because of her outspoken sympathy with us, would be unacceptable to Spain. Switzerland would seem to be a good choice, but she is subject to pressure from Spain's friends. Turkey and Greece are beneath consideration. King Oscar of Sweden would be a good arbitrator, but there would have to be at least three. Oom Paul and the Raj of Sarawak might be chosen as the other two, but such a combination would not be highly satisfactory, to say the least. Suppose then that the other powers just stand aside and let Uncle Sam and Aunt Matana settle their own dispute?

A PERSONAL of the letter of R. D. Eames, which appears in another column of this paper, shows that the worst had not been told in connection with gold seeking in Alaska. Writing from somewhere on the breezy Chilkoot trail, Mr. Eames says that red-headed men with hairpins predominate there and it keeps him busy splitting over his left shoulder to remove the hoodoo. One red-headed man with a hairpin can raise the devil with a fellow's lock, to be it is easy to picture one's fate in a place where red-headed men with hairpins predominate. To be sure there is the counter-charm mentioned by Mr. Eames, but it is not everybody who has an inexhaustible supply of saliva at command. The Chilkoot appears to be a pretty orderly locality, but we think that the man who proposed an anti-spitting ordinance up there would, in

view of what Mr. Eames says, be promptly mobbed. All parties bound for the Klondike by way of the Chilkoot should take half a dozen bottles of some exorcismatory with them.

THE Republican is pleased to note the fact that there is one Democratic newspaper in this valley that is endowed with a sufficient sense of justice to say a good word for ex-Congressman Bowers. The following is from the Hanford Journal:

Ex-Congressman W. W. Bowers has been nominated by President McKinley Collector of the Port at San Diego, and his nomination will doubtless be confirmed. There was a big fight made against him, but he won and we are glad of it. While Mr. Bowers is not of our political faith and we always thought the sobriquet of "rindly" to be quite appropriate, yet we never doubted his honesty or integrity. He was not of the English order and what he believed in he had the courage to state. He was a fighter for his party and what he believed to be right, and we would rather see him than any other Republican have the ring belt of his honor.

The truth is that California never had a representative in Congress who was more loyal and faithful to the people of his district, who resisted corporate greed more effectively or labored more zealously for the interests of the plain people. In view of these facts the bitter partisan attacks upon Bowers are as ungrateful and mean as an exhibition of partisanship as ever came under our notice.

"RINDY will be rindier, of course," says the Examiner in the course of an absurd attack on the Speaker. Of course he will be—and why? Because he is one of the ablest men in the country, has the courage of his convictions and is as honest as "they make 'em." Under his leadership the House has been converted from a windmill into a working body, and while it pleases the small bore politicians and partisan press to term him a "craz" and a "tyrant" for his firmness, the people of the country admire and respect him. His steady stand at this critical juncture is particularly praiseworthy.

Tux contemporary thoughtfully remarks: "Because a couple of rough looking fellows abandon a horse and wagon is no sign that they are train robbers." It's a pretty good sign, though, that they were not, for some good reason, hankering for a closer acquaintance with the officers who were on their trail. If the officers catch them they may not have the train robbers, but they will have a pair of criminals all right.

CHARLEY LANE, Bryon's good angel, has been interviewed in San Francisco and wants everybody to know that he will submit to the leg-pulling process in 1900 for the sake of the silver cases. But how about 1898, Charley? Aren't you going to let the "boys" take a kick or two out of your leg to kind of encourage 'em for the ordeal they've got to pass through this summer?

If the purport of Spain's reply to the President's demands as given in this morning's despatches is correct, it is not improbable that the next issue of the REPUBLICAN will announce that war has been declared. If so, it cannot be justly said that this government has not done its duty in attempting to avert the necessity for such action.

"WALL STREET rules the country, but it will lose its grip in 1900." So says the evening paper. Wall Street does, in fact, rule this country, or any fraction of it. It cannot secure the financial legislation it desires, nor can it prevent war, as asserted, if the outcome of the situation demands in right and justice that this country shall go to war.

The Emperor of all the Russias telegraphed to Tom Reed as follows: "You seem to have lost your grip at Washington. I am still on deck."—Sawyer's Weekly Bee.

NICK was a little too previous. That vote on Bailey's resolution showed that Tom's grip was still unimpaired. We are inclined to believe that Nick was misled by a yellow cablegram.

RANDOM REMARKS.

The man who cries for peace is not always the man who does the fighting in war.

About the only shock the battleship Texas has been able to take without suffering damage was that caused by the breaking of a bottle of champagne on her bow when she was christened.

There is talk of holding a world's Masonic convention in Washington. Such an event ought to bring together a thousand of that peculiar society known as the "only female Mason that ever was."

Giovanni Yungolli died at San Francisco the other day from eating too much. How those Cuban reconcentrados must wish that an epidemic of too-much-to-eat would take them off. That would be a euthanasia, indeed.

The associate editor of the Examiner says that the few masculine mouths are things of beauty. The associate editor should not judge from the tobacco-stained civilities that yawn about her. Let her—but modestly forbide.

So there is to be no war, and we are not to enjoy the sight of that militia company composed of St. Louis society girls marching against the Spaniards with the view of popping the question, under the impression that 1898 is a leap year.

A Seattle father shot and killed an insurance man for ruining three of his daughters. There's no fault to find with the punishment bestowed upon the offender, but if the executor of justice is to be a standard bearer, let him named Billy Mason ought to be able to blow anything that's Spanish out of the water.

City Attorney Smith is hereby recommended to the government as the right man to collect an indemnity from Spain, judging from his exploit in Chinatown Monday, if Spain told him to call again in ten minutes he would be decorated. "Phones would get the worst speaking he ever had in his life and Sagasta would be laid out with a blow on the solar plexus.

Madam Louise, a hair dresser at San Jose, three miles in the face of her landlord because he demanded that she pay her rent. About ten years in state's prison might convince her. Adam Lovell says this French method of rearing an

injury cannot be tolerated in California. There are better and less dangerous methods of evading the payment of rent, and it is doubtful if a plea on the part of the landlord that she did not know of these will be accepted in mitigation of her offense.

A device has been introduced in the London theaters for the protection of the feet of women from the trampling of men as they go in and out between acts. It consists of an iron cage, lined with felt, and is clamped to the floor in front of the seat. Such a device is no doubt needed in the tight little theatres, and it protects the men as well as the women. An English woman's feet are harder to lodge than even a Chicago girl's. Statistics showing the number of fatalities resulting from people stumbling over them would be highly interesting.

It is reported that "Chauncey Depew was shocked to learn that the Maine was blown up by a mine." Now, what was the name of the "Our Chauncey"? It was the "What's the use of shocking Chauncey anyhow?" Chauncey with his stereotyped smile, his stereotyped jokes, his stereotyped interviews and his stereotyped after-dinner speeches? How can that be preferred in their pristine purity if Chauncey is to be shocked? All shocking news should be kept from Chauncey, and if war be declared there is no way of keeping him from finding it out and being shocked to broken to him gently and by degrees, don't shock Chauncey.

The publishers of the London Era are defendants in a damage suit instituted recently by W. S. Gilbert, whom the Era had disgraced in a pompous, arrogant and ungrateful, tongue-in-American-suiting a newspaper for libel because it had taxed him with ingratitude, envy and pomposity! If a paper should refer to him as a shrewd and corrupt politician, it would be liable to a suit for libel. The editor or clerk of the paper, but he would never think of beginning a suit for damages. To be sure there are exceptions, but they live mostly in San Francisco. These appear to be the only men there whom it is sacrilege even to name.

Marion Crawford, the prolific and long-jawed novelist, declared that he was the other night "The Original Mr. Isaac Early Newspaper Experience in India." That is, he lectured on Marion Crawford. Marion Crawford, it may be stated, is a most interesting subject to Marion Crawford. In fact, Marion Crawford is deeply devoted to Marion Crawford, and enjoys talking about him, dwelling upon his importance, and describing how he became famous, to a select group of people who are worth 50 cents a dollar to hear all that. It will always be considered a great treat in Shakespeare, Dryden, Pope, Keats and others belonging that worthy but old-fashioned community that they did not come to a lecture to lecture about themselves or their works. Poor devil! they fondly preferred to let their works talk for them.

Fresno Was Born Lucky.

From the San Francisco Examiner.

If Fresno were to look a gift horse in the mouth and refuse to accept it, a gift horse probably would be offered to her at once, so fortunate is she. She has increased her territory by the acquisition of a few hundred acres of land for public park, and now a forty-acre tract is about to be given her for the same purpose. Some cities are envious in this world under propitious stars, and Fresno is of that number.

Sam T. Shaw Coming.

Sam T. Shaw and his popular company will be seen at the Barton, following Joseph Holland, for six nights and matinee—Tuesday night next week. The repertoire is entirely new and Mr. Shaw has increased his company, and has engaged some of the best talent in the dramatic profession. The famous band has been equipped with new and costly uniforms, and the popular operatic orchestra is still with the company. Money has been spent lavishly upon scenery, costumes, properties and plays. "Monte Christo" will be the play Tuesday night, in which Mr. Shaw and his associates will be seen here. The reputation which Mr. Shaw has earned as a standard bearer of that art that is promised will be fulfilled, and no one should miss witnessing their excellent entertainment. Seats are now on sale. Prices—10c, 20c and 30c.

On Sunday evening the Fresno spirit-mists will meet in Edgerly hall and celebrate the fifth anniversary of Mormon spiritualism in America. Mrs. R. Cowen of Oakland will lecture and give tests.

AVAILABLE MILITIA.

Over 100,000 Men Are Now in Readiness.

The military information division of the war department has made public a table bearing on the strength of the militia in the United States in 1897. It also gives data as to the number of men liable for military duty, information in regard to appropriations, military officers, encampments and mobilization. The table is compiled from reports made to the department by army officers detailed for duty with military of the states. The authorized strength of the militia of the entire country (which, however, includes several states where this strength is not limited) is 186,848, while the aggregate actual strength is 113,360, made up as follows:

Infantry 100,170.
 Artillery 558.
 Cavalry 2,978.
 Special troops 2,720.
 Generals and staff officers 578.
 Non-commissioned staff officers 403.
 The total number of men liable to military duty in the country is 10,379,118. State appropriations made for the maintenance of militia in 1897 amounted to \$2,728,864.

THE UBER LYCHING.

A Jury Secured to Try Sheriff Brockles.

GROSV, Nev., March 31.—A jury was secured in the Brockles case this afternoon. William Grey, a constable, who was present in the jail with Sheriff Brockles when the mob entered, testified that Brockles made no resistance whatever, but passed over his arms to the rascals and directed them to spare the keys of the cells from hanging.

The witness stated that he made no attempt to protect the prisoner Uber, because he was ordered from the sheriff, whom he supposed to be his superior, and at whose request he was present.

Was Never Well

But Hood's Sarsaparilla Has Given Her Permanent Health.

"I was a pale, puny, sickly woman, weighing less than 90 pounds. I was never well. I had female troubles and a bad throat trouble. I mean a nervous advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla and had faith in the medicine soon. I began taking it and soon felt better. I kept on until I was cured. I now weigh 103 pounds, and never have any sickness. Hood's Sarsaparilla will not cure. My blood is pure, complexion good and face free from eruptions." Mrs. LINA FARRELL, Box 116, Tillamook, Rhode Island.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best. In fact the One True Blood Purifier. It is tasteless, mild, effective. All druggists, etc.

KILLED ON THE FLYER

Fatal Collision Near Stockton.

Fireman Huffman is the Victim.

The Accident Was Caused by a Misplaced Switch—Engineer Hahn Injured.

Stockton, March 30.—William Huffman, second oldest son of C. M. Huffman, a San Francisco capitalist and formerly a well known farmer of Merced county, was instantly killed at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in a collision on the Southern Pacific track near French Camp, four miles from this city. Three passengers were hurt in the accident but none seriously. They were Fred A. Grimm, a traveling man from Ohio, cut by glass; J. A. Reynolds, hurt in the back; A. O. Burnett, fireman on the steamer Mary Garrett, running between Stockton and San Francisco, dislocated shoulder. Engineer H. C. Hahn of the Fresno flyer train, with whom young Huffman was running, was severely cut in the right side but not seriously injured. C. Cleveland, the Wells Fargo messenger on the flyer was slightly hurt.

The collision was caused by the bewilderment of fireman R. F. Stevens, who was running with Engineer W. R. Hatfield on a loose engine on its way from Sacramento to Oakland. He threw a switch wrong and how he did it is only accounted for by the fact that he lost his head.

The loose engine ran down to the side track at French Camp several minutes ahead of the time for the Fresno flyer for this city to reach that point, and went in on the side track. Stevens opened and closed the switch and while Engineer Hatfield was engaged in oiling his engine the fireman went off to the side of the track and returned just as the fast passenger train came along. He became confused and just at the fifty feet of the switch he opened it and let the passenger train in directly on to his own engine.

Engineer Hatfield saw the collision coming and jumped out of the way. The passenger train consisted of one coach, which was attached next to the engine, and a combination baggage and express car behind. The passengers were thrown over the seats by the sudden jolt and a number of them were cut by the broken glass of the windows of the car and others bruised by being thrown forward.

As soon as possible the body of Fireman Huffman was placed in a car and brought to this city, where it was prepared for shipment to the home of his parents in San Francisco in the morning.

A coroner's jury was empaneled this evening and viewed the remains, but the inquest was postponed until Friday evening, when all the witnesses can be present.

C. H. Huffman, father of the deceased fireman, is the originator of the Crocker-Huffman canal enterprise of Merced county, where he owned vast tracts of land for many years.

A few years ago when his son Will expressed a desire to learn railroading, the father urged him to turn his attention to some other business and offered him any necessary capital to engage in any enterprise he might choose, and it is said he offered the young man \$15,000 to cash to give up railroading, but

W. A. NEVILLS SUE

J. E. Azherian Asks Big Damages.

For Alleged Detention in the Palace Hotel.

Asserts That Captain Nevills Kept Him a Prisoner and Demands \$25,000.

San Francisco, April 1.—A suit was filed today in the Superior court of the county of Fresno, by J. E. Azherian, against Captain W. A. Nevills, for alleged detention in the Palace hotel, and for damages of \$25,000.

The complaint alleges that on the 21st day of March, 1898, at the Palace hotel in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, the defendant, Captain W. A. Nevills, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Third Convention of Fresno District Held in This City.

The third convention of the Fresno district, held at the Methodist Episcopal church in this city Tuesday evening. A very interesting program was carried out. The attendance was good and great interest was manifested.

On Wednesday morning, devotion were held by Rev. J. H. Frank of Reedley, after which Mrs. Ada Bankel was appointed temporary secretary. On calling the roll delegates were found to be present from Reedley, Visalia, Hanford, Fresno, and other places.

Reports were received from different points. Mrs. C. A. Westerman of Santa Barbara sent an excellent account of the work for the past year, which was read by Rev. J. H. Frank. Mrs. J. H. Westerman of Santa Barbara sent a report of the work in her town, which was read by Mrs. Frank. Mrs. J. H. Westerman of Santa Barbara sent a report of the work in her town, which was read by Mrs. Frank.

WEAR THE TOGA

Young Legislators Celebrate an Important Event.

The High School Senate Observes Its Eighth Anniversary—Debate and Recitations.

San Francisco, April 1.—The eighth anniversary of the High School Senate was celebrated today at the High School. The occasion was marked by a debate and recitations.

The senate, which was organized on April 1, 1897, has since that time been a body of young men, who have been elected by their fellow students. The senate has since that time been a body of young men, who have been elected by their fellow students.

A. J. W. S. BUDGET

Advice to High School Pupils.

Thoughts Suggested by "The Owl."

How to Learn to Write English—The Latest Park Proposition.

I picked up the March number of the Owl, the Fresno High School paper, the other day, and read all of it. I wanted to see how the boys and girls are progressing, to discover if some of them perhaps have the literary gift and to try to determine just what road on the ladder of mental growth they have attained. Possibly the Owl does not contain all of this information, but I fancy that it conveys more of it than the young writers themselves suppose. At any rate, I passed a pleasant half hour in attempting to do exactly what I have indicated in the foregoing.

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Summons.

No. 1079. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

Summons.

No. 1080. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

A USEFUL BOOK

"Imperial Fresno" Receives High Praise.

A Work That Bears the Impress of Truth and of Lasting Benefit.

From the Santa Barbara News.

Through the courtesy of our friend, John L. Travlow, we are in receipt of a copy of "Imperial Fresno," a new work detailing in exceedingly graphic style the marvelous resources and attractions of Fresno county. It is a book of about 150 pages printed and bound in sumptuous manner and generously illustrated by some of the finest hand talents we have seen this many days.

PHILATELY.

Charles E. Jenney Has an Article in "Godey's Magazine" on It.

Charles E. Jenney of this city, who has written a number of magazine articles, has an interesting contribution in the April number of Godey's Magazine on stamp collecting. Within the last thirty years it has become a popular and most fascinating hobby, as appearing in the number of the magazine, and the article is all about it. The article is all about it. The article is all about it.

INJUNCTION ISSUED

To Protect the Pioneer Pipe Line Against Mr. Lavalie.

The Pioneer Pipe Line Company yesterday sued Marcus M. Lavalie for \$200 damages sustained by reason of the damage to its pipe line which the defendant threatened to again cut the pipe, and asked for a restraining order.

Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of some simple, practical, and profitable way of making money? Who can think of some simple, practical, and profitable way of making money? Who can think of some simple, practical, and profitable way of making money?

Summons.

No. 1081. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

Summons.

No. 1082. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

SOLNEY'S DEATH

Survived His Wife Only a Few Days.

Had a Long and Useful Career.

A Prominent Educator for Twenty-Five Years.

Smith Olney, whose wife died on the 21st instant, and who was sick and unable to attend her funeral, died yesterday afternoon at his home on Clark street, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was taken with a severe chill, followed by fever and congestion of the lungs. The day before the death of his wife. This was soon succeeded by a pneumonia, from which he was unable to rally.

STANHOPE-CATE.

Wedding of a Popular Clovis Couple Wednesday Evening.

On Wednesday evening Charles S. Stanhope and Miss Mollie J. Cate of Clovis were married at the home of the bride near that city. Miss Susan A. Cate of San Jose led the wedding march and Rev. H. J. Green officiated.

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Summons.

No. 1083. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

Summons.

No. 1084. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

A DRUNKEN FREAK.

Artist Campbell Fired a Shot at Random.

About 8 o'clock last evening residents of the Elderly block were startled by a shot in one of the rooms in the third story. Policeman Henry Russell was in the neighborhood and he hastened up the two flights of stairs to the scene of trouble.

NON-RESIDENTS MUST PAY.

Important Decision on Water Assessments by Judge Webb.

An important ruling was made by Judge Webb yesterday in overruling the demurrer of the defendants in the suit brought by the Fresno Canal and Irrigating Company against a number of non-resident property-owners who have water rights on their land, and who have refused to pay the assessments on the water.

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Summons.

No. 1085. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

Summons.

No. 1086. Department 2.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

For the purpose of the state of California, plaintiff, against J. E. Azherian, defendant, a complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to the effect that the defendant, J. E. Azherian, detained the plaintiff, J. E. Azherian, for a period of two hours, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000, and for the purpose of forcing the plaintiff to sign a check for \$25,000.

FINDINGS OF THE COURT

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"At the first shock—that is the quarter—boarding—died for

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structure, his confidence in the doctors

"Was it on the east or west side?"

"It was on the east side, but it did not look like that," he answered the other man. "It looked like it covered the whole sky. It was an immense glare that illuminated the whole heavens for the moment, as much as I could see for the moment."

"Did you see any water with it?"

"I did not see that, sir. I started for the cabin at once."

SPAIN'S REPORT.

Directly Opposite to That of the Court of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—A full synopsis of the report of the Spanish naval commission which investigated the destruction of the battleship Maine is hereby given by the Associated Press.

It is taken from a copy of the original

"The report contains declarations made by certain witnesses and experts, and is based on the evidence and proves that absence of all those attendants at circumstances which are invariably present on the occasion of the explosion is a fact.

"The evidence of witnesses comparatively clear to the Maine at the moment of the effect that only one explosion occurred, in the column of water, was thrown out of the ship and the ship was destroyed at the nearest vessel, nor did any vessel have any vibration noticed, and no vessel was damaged.

"The report also states that the pilot of the harbor states that there is an abundance of fish in the harbor, and this is corroborated by other witnesses. The foregoing facts and circumstances are explained and explained in a manner as follows:

"The divers were unable to examine the bottom of the Maine, which was covered by a layer of mud. The examination of the sides of the vessel, the portholes and brams, which all point outward, shows without a doubt that the explosion was from the inside.

"A minute examination of the bottom of the harbor around the vessel shows absolutely no sign of the action of a torpedo and the fact (judge advocate) that the commission ran find no precedent for the explosion of the storage magazine of a ship.

"The report makes clear that owing to the special nature of the proceedings followed and the absolute respect shown for the extra-territoriality of the United States, the commission has been precluded from making any external examination of the inside of the vessel as would determine every hypothesis of the inter-

the origin of the accident. This is to be attributed to the reprehensible refusal to furnish the necessary material of the Spanish commission both with the commander and crew of the Maine, and the different American officials commissioned to investigate the cause of the explosion and later on with those employed on salvaging work.

On the 20th of March, 1898, the examination of the Maine and outside of the Maine, as soon as such examination may be possible, as also of the bottom where the vessel rests, will prove that, supposing that the removal of the bottom of the vessel had not interfered in the process of extrication, the explosion was undoubtedly due to some interior cause."

Found Some Stolen Goods.

Pullemmon K. P. Ransell and George Matheson found some articles yesterday that had been secreted in a barn on K street. The articles consisted of two pairs of new trousers, and a box containing needles, ribbons, etc. It is believed that a sneak thief placed the things in the barn.

It Was a Mistake.

The arrest of Walter Weaver of Fresno by the Stanislaus county authorities last week was wholly unwarranted. The man is a well known identity. It was clearly established that Weaver had no knowledge whatever of the charge on which he was arrested.

A Chinese Sneak Thief.

A. L. Chew was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff John Abbin for stealing a tin of soap from the store of Norton & Branton's candy store. Chew is a Chinese sneak thief and some time ago he served a six months sentence for the same larceny. The piece of zinc stolen by Chew was sold at a second-hand

Discovered by a Woman.
Another great discovery has been

made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Digenae fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to

recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Latz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Webster Bros.' Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

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